Wealth Markets and Commerce



Finance - Economics

WALL STREET OFFICE:

market yesterday was that railroad pense to the individual banks. pushing Reading and other issues duced to a fraction of what it had been.

It will not be denied, then, that the by public buying, as it was in the in- distribution and amount subscribed. justrial list. The public is finding It should not be necessary to dwell speculative proposition and is concentrating on the industrials. It is ing into commission houses from all sections of the country in large and put upon it. apidly increasing volume; and, un- of this country heretofore have been of the many uncertainties.

in the end, when those who make people. the markets have gotten out from

for stock speculation must be reis just as tight as ever, and the fight for right against might. market is perforce being financed by demand loans. Therefore, if it house-to-house canvass should be made market before the orgy of extravagut speculation can develop.

The "Liberty Book"

hancial Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The success of the third Liberty

he most gratifying result of the cam-Pair that has just been closed, and on in war finance. I means that the loan has been ab-

whole; consequently that the banks has not been called upon to draw their resources, and the nation's beiness machinery has not been im-

what extent this distribution has sall bonds from war finance. If there the small bond in war finance, there no further room for such War savings stamps, while pers very valuable function, can ske the place of the \$50 and

to almost the opening day of the alge an impression seemed to premong the bankers generally that ill'd Liberty Loan would not be isdenominations of \$50 and \$100. ess, the wish was father to the for the experience the banks in connection with the sale of bonds of the second loan on the perment plan was not such as tend to make them look kindly prospect of succeeding loans s of receiving and accounting to a multiplicty of small weekits. Nor is this to be wonwhen one takes into consid-

But this was before the central organishares declined, for the most part, zation partial payment plan had been York increased its gold reserve apmon of the rails, barely held its own, tail of handling weekly and monthly \$576,673,891. poing unchanged from the preced- payments was simplified, and the bur- The actual condition of member desing unchanged from the preceding day. Probably the explanation is that the pools which have been is that the pools which have been entire partial payment plan was re-

professional traders, with tradi- central organization partial payment tional caution, got out from under plan as now in use has substantially over the week end; and the selling contributed to the success of the loan from this source was not matched in New York, both in point of wide

the rails unattractively cold as a bonds in the whole scheme of government borowing. There is only one way by which the war can be financed withthe extent of such buying that will out undermining the strength of the this week; for there is no doubt the people. The only other alternative is \$524,874,000. that on Friday and Staurday the inflation, and the evil consequences of so-called "outsiders," by which is inflation to an extent sufficient to Loans and discounts....Inc. \$97,749,000 means those who come into the marhet only when allured by the specu- tion. It is apparent, then, to any lative possibilities in a movement thinking man that the American people such as was started last week, were must become vastly more efficient as buying heavily. Orders are pourintrinto commission houses from all The per capita savings of the people

less there should be highly unfa- about \$50 annually. The government wrable developments in Europe in will require more than four times as position may soon be enormously ex- during the second year of the war. This panded. That might bring about a means that the savings of the nation precarious market situation in view must be more than quadrupled to take care of government needs alone, not to speak of the needs of industry; and to speak of the needs of industry; and livery: industry must go on. In order to do Eligible To say that a great speculation this, it will be necessary to mobilize would put the market in an ex- not only existing savings, but also to Elizible remely vulnerable position is not to vitalize and develop the possibilities say that higher prices are not war- for saving latent in the people as a ranted. In many cases there is whole. This cannot be done without little doubt that prices are still persistent and sustained effort. A somewhat out of line with intrinsic general exhortation to save, continuvalues, and every one knows that ing for a short period during a particu- Eligible member banks...... 4½

the for out of line with corn ler lean is not sufficient. It is necessible from member banks..... 45% they are far out of line with earn- lar loan, is not sufficient. It is necesings. The trouble is that a great sary to go further and direct the necspeculative movement always gains momentum very rapidly and is cargives the current rates of the twelve momentum very rapidly and is carried to extremes. People buy stocks not on the basis of values but merely because prices are rising, and in the estates of the success of our armies as military strategy on the field; in fact, the capacity of the country to respond to the nation's Within 15 days, 16 61 in the cestasy of rising prices they call for funds will depend to a very forget that prices cannot go on ris- great extent on the thought and care ing forever. That is a fact that in- given to the inculcation and developriably comes as a painful surprise ment of the thrift habit among the

Besides the present financial advantage to the government and the permanent advantage to the nation in he In spite of the warning of the coming a nation of savers rather than Federal Reserve Board that loans spendthrifts, there is nothing that can be more effective in unifying publicomed or eliminated, the banks apart to be lending freely, much more and in placing the people solidly behind the government than the possessions. nely than they have for a long sion of Liberty bonds in every home in me. The restrictions which were the land. It will serve to create a Bank Clearings. The day's bank uplied through several months ap- sense of partnership in national affairs, clearings at New York and other cities Mently have been abandoned for and impart an element of personal in- were: the time being. It is significant, how- terest that cannot help but prove of New Y mer, that the time money market inestimable benefit to the nation in its Philadelphia.... 62,341,633 13,776,957

tinues to expand as it did last in every locality. Women volunteers week, the banks will get in a positive the banks which they can control the fact, it would seem well to have the Sub-Treasury yesterday \$693,000. tourse of the market at will. It is same women who took the census do this work, also, as they have already The Dollar in Foreign Exchange to exercise some restraint on the covered the ground, and have the advantage of being personally known to the individual housewives. They are well organized, and can be depended upon to give a good account of them-

Those who have failed to buy a bond And War Finance of the third Liberty Loan should be prepared for the next loan, and those who have already bought Liberty bonds on in point of wide distribution is in their efforts to make payments promptly, and to keep them up to the end. There is no royal road to thrift any more than there is a royal road to happiness. Many are the temptations bed very largely by the people as a and stumbling blocks that lie in the way; consequently, nothing should be

All this, I feel, is in line with the well established policy of The Tribune in its advocacy of the cause of sound carried is shown by the fact that finance. In this regard, Mr. Warburg's in heen distributed in greater New let alone. In the light of results dutterance, which challenges the scrious utterance, which challenges the scrious consideration of thinking men throughout the country. His views are worthy one million "Liberty Books" statement, which appeared in your isof more than ordinary consideration by reason of his admitted ability as an international banker and his intimate knowledge of world finance. It must, indeed, be no small satisfaction to The Tribune to have a banker of the standing and reputation of Mr. Warburg so fully and convincingly indorse the firm stand it has always taken against infation in war finance. If any doubting Thomases have survived the logical reasoning by which The Tribune has so ably defended the soundness of its policy, surely this clear-cut statement of Mr. Warburg should be sufficient to constitute a preponderance of evidence in any court of reason.

B. T. MORAN.

New York, May 10, 1918.

Money and Credit

The large transactions last week arisng out of government operations in the financial market resulted in importhe office and lobby space of the Clearing House banks issued to carry on this work effec- yesterday. This showed an increase of

total of \$4,598,000,000, while demand deposits decreased \$144,313,000 to a total of \$3,643,478,000. Excess reserves increased \$65,60\$,150 during the week, bringing that item to \$102,807,730. United States government deposits with the banks increased from \$204,696,000 to a total of \$524,874,000 as a result of An interesting feature of the tively, not to mention the item of exthe third Liberty Loan subscription.

whereas the industrials continued developed. The "Liberty Book" came to proximately \$3,000,000 last week. Bills progress toward an unknown the rescue in the nick of time, and the discounted and bought by that institu-Even Reading, the Steel com- situation was saved. The enormous de- tion increased from \$525,555,173 to

Loans, discounts, invest-	
ments, etc	\$4,598,721,000
Cash in vaults of Federal	
Reserve members.:	108,041,000
Reserve in Federal Re-	2014 0
serve banks	562,112,000
Cash in vaults of state	
banks and trust com-	
panies	17,546,000
Reserve in depositories	7,891,000
*Net demand deposits	
Net time deposits	177,958,000
Circulation	36,561,000

Aggregate reserve..... *United States deposits deducted, The changes from a week ago were:

companiesInc. Reserve in depositories.Dec. et demand deposits. . . Dec. 144,313,000 Net time deposits..... Dec. 4,873,000 Bank Acceptances.-Rates were un changed yesterday as follows:

Thirty Sixty Ninety
Spot de- days. days. days.

livery: Per cent. Per cent. Per cent.

.41/8@4 41/4@41/8 44 @44 non-mem-ber banks.436@4 & 436@41/4 4 & @4 & Ineligible bank brils.514@434 514@434 51/4@434

For delivery within thirty days: Ineligible bank bills Discount Rates .- The following table

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ä	Boston 4	43/4	434
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	Phila 4	434	434
Į,	Cleveland. 41/4	434	43/4
	Richmond, 41/4	434	434
1	Atlanta 4	434	434
1	Chicago 4	434	5
n	St. Louis 4	434	43/4
3	Minn 4	434	5
£	Kan City. 4	434	43/4
	Dallas 4	434	5

Silver.-Bar silver in London was 49 %d. unchanged; New York, 99 4c. unchanged: Mexican dollars, 77c, un-

Sub-Treasury .-- The banks lost to the

weakness of rates on Italy the market for foreign exchange was devoid of as follows: special feature last week and dealings were comparatively small in volume. Italian lire set a new low level yesterday at 9.06 after reports that the Italgovernment had been buying its own bills in this market in an effort to stabilize the rate were found to be without basis in fact. Dutch and Swiss exchange continued to display a firm tone at around the high levels of the war period. Sterling exchange rates showed little or no variation, while rates on Paris were equally steady.

Much interest was excited in foreign exchange circles last week by the return from abroad of Assistant Secre-turn from abroad of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Crosby, who is Sterling, ninety days. . 4.70 also president of the Inter-Allied Council of War Purchases and Finance, Francs, checks...... 5.7136 after a study of the foreign situation. Francs, cables 5.6934 According to Washington advices Mr. Crosby will place before the authorities a plan for taking care of the exchange situation as regards Italy and some of the neutral countries. In explaining the present situation in the exchange market Mr. Crosby said:

"The support given in America to the Stockholm, kr., checks. 33.50 mine support given in America to the pound sterling and the French franch has carried the dollar far below parity in neutral countries on account of the relations established between the three currencies. All the European Allies have been protected from loss on their exchange in America so far as their government purchases and a merica are concerned by loans made since the entrance of the United States into the war. Means are required to answer the serious depreciation in neutral countries, as the balance of trade in such countries is now running against the Allied powers."

It is hoped that some arrangement the Allied powers."

It is hoped that some arrangement can be worked out whereby it will be possible to restore the dollar to some thing nearer its normal value in the Spanish, Swiss, Dutch and Scandinavia and markets. Already such a plan is in operation between the United States and Argentins.

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Federal Reserve Banks

WASHINGTON, May 11 .- Resources of the twelve Federal Reserve banks increased \$224,472,000 during the last week, and gold reserves increased \$23,195,000, the Reserve Board's weekly financial statement shows to-night. The condition of the twelve banks at the close of business last

May 10.	May 3.
\$480,580,000	\$482,832,000
437,444,000	437,771,000
52,500,000	52,500,000
\$970,524,000	\$973,103,000
\$885,027,000	862,296,000
27,584,000	24,541,000
¢1 002 125 000	\$1,859,940,000
59,365,000	60,043,000
\$1 942 500 000	\$1,919,933,000
0.3000 F/W ER (WINCON)	873,442,000
286,036,000	297,029,000
\$1,225,077,000	\$1,170,471,000
40,116,000	41,415,000
106,762,000	36,146,000
1,844,000	2,537,000
\$1,373,799,000	\$1,250,569,000
	23,080,000
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Federal Reserve Bank of New York

RESOURCES		
Gold coin and gold certificates:	May 10.	May 3.
Gold settlement fund	\$68,797,000	\$78,084,000
Gold in vaults	345,458,000	345,676,804
Gold with foreign agenciesGold with Federal Reserve agent and in re-	18,112,500	18,112,500
demption fund, Federal Reserve notes	260,654,135	248,459,250
Total gold reserve	\$693,022,191	\$690,332,554
subsidiary coin	42,880,812	44,795,959
Total reserve	\$735,903,004	\$735,128,514
Bills discounted and bought:		We did to
Commercial paper	450,023,852	401,091,901
Acceptances	126,650,038	124,463,272
Totals	\$576,673,891	\$525,555,173
United States bonds and notes	78,812,750	3,888,300
from the banks with agreement to repur-		
chase in fifteen days	100,000	225,000
Totals	78,912,750	\$4,105,300
Due from other F. R. banks (net)		41,100,000
Total resources	\$1,391,489,645	\$1,264,788,988
Carital LIABILITIES		
Capital	19,736,300	\$19,698,450
Non-member banks' deposits (net)	656,828,078	617,755,379
Government deposits	5,061,959	1,868,718
Due to other Federal Reserve banks (net)	33,028,921	7,498,535
Federal Penerus nates (net)	62,457,312	22,091,044
Federal Reserve notes (net)	511,004,190	508,560,722
Foreign government accounts	97,503,983	83,758,981
All other liabilities	5,868,899	3,559,158
Total liabilities	\$1,391,489,645	\$1,264,788,988
Federal Reserve notes outstanding		553,988,455
Reserve agent:	569,048,190	
Gold and lawful money	248,154,135	200 007
Commercial paper	576,673,891	208,827,200
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Aside from the continued firmness -that is, if you were buying dollars of the neutral exchanges and persistent with pounds, marks or francs-its

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			Year a
In	English money		\$1.02
In	French money	1.10	1.10
In	Dutch money	.84	1.01
In	Swiss money	.82	.99
In	Swedish money	.80	.90
	Russian money		1.97
	Italian money		1.34
	Spanish money		.88
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Sterling, demand \$4.75% (Quoted units to the dollar.) Lire, checks..... Swiss, cables..... 4.13 (Quoted cents to the unit.) Guilders, checks..... 48 8 Guilders, cables..... 48 6

News Digest

New York

New Bridgeport Gas Light Issue .-Harris, Forbes & Co. will offer to-morrow \$500,000 two-year 5 per cent notes of the Bridgeport Gas Light Company at 9714, to yield 614 per cent. The notes are part of a total issue of \$1,-000,000 that will mature May 1, 1920.

Bank to Increase Stock .-- A special meeting of stockholders of the Fifth Avenue Bank has been called for May 27 to vote on a proposal to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Sudden Expansion of Exchange Firm. -Probably the largest number of branch offices ever established at one time by a Stock Exchange firm have ment in the weekly bulletin of the exchange yesterday, by James E. Bennett & Co., of Chicago. The twenty-two new offices are nearly all leavest of the second control of the sec offices are nearly all located in the Illinois corn belt. The Illinois branches are at Monmouth, Chatsworth, Danville, Decatur, Chicago Height, Jacksonville, Joliet, Kankakee, Kewanee, Litchfield, Macomb, Mendota, Peoria, Quincy, Streator, Watseka and Galesburg. Other

Putting the Human Note in Ordinary Banking Relations

Warmer Feeling Toward Clients

(Special Correspondence) CHICAGO, May 11.—Bankers are fast becoming aware that they are merely human beings who deal with money. Progressive bankers are now trying to create an atmosphere of warmth and create an atmosphere of warmth and friendliness around their business relations, instead of austerity and cold-

savings banks ventured into the field of publicity a few years ago, old fashioned banking folk feared that public

the belief that a banker should be just as kind and human and sympathetic to his clients as the merchant should be to his customers is John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, one of Chicago's most humanized banking institutions. Mr. Mitchell, always available for interviews himself, encourages his clients to meet personally with the heads of the departments of his bank.

In explaining the philosophy of more humanized banks, Mr. Mitchell said:

"To me a smile or hank shake or pleasant recognition on the part of men you first meet in a bank is the institution's biggest asset. I have studied it closely and know its value. My constant preachment to the officers and men, from office boys up, has been to cultivate the public, cultivate not only to secure business for our bank, but to help in the great campaign of creating more friendly relations between the public and corporations. As every business and know, corporations and particularly banks are handicapped by the

benefitted.

"A savings institution particularly should get down to earth in dealing with its customers. A majority of the savings depositors are those of comparatively light earnings and they need sympathy and guidance. Not only does this apply in their business, but in many ways that only those close to institutions see. We pick our men with the idea to some extent of their sympathetic natures. Many of the boxes in our safe deposits are held by widows and old persons and people to whom their private affairs, apparently feeling

S. S. Kresge Company.—Total sales for April were \$2,646,337, against \$2,-360,759 for the corresponding month of last year. Sales for the first four months of 1918 totalled \$9,811,023, compared with \$8,475,286 for the same months of the previous year.

Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Corpora

Dividends

Regular Declarations

Relevant Comment

Sumatra's Fall and Rise The story that the War Trade Board had decided to permit the importation to this country of 33,000 bales of wrapper tobacco from Sumatra exerted a Chicago Banker Makes Plea for depressing influence for a time yesterday on the shares of the American Sumatra Tobacco Company. After opening at 116% the price dropped quickly to 113%, but rallied before the close to 116% for a net loss of half a

Liberty 4148 Go Lower

Further weakness developed yesterday in the 41/4 per cent bonds of the The new idea in banking is to treat third Liberty Loan, the price declining clients more as business associates to a low of 98.20, compared with the than recipients of favors. The tendency low sale of 98.40 on Friday, when they is frankly to let borrowers understand were traded in for the first time. Yes The last, of \$88,000, was at the low price.

Sugar Beets High in Europe

lic suspicious to advertise for their the American grower of beet sugar is money. The fallacy of this conservatism getting a price for his product considwas revealed by experience, and now erably under what the European growthe soundest banks of the country regu- er receives. In France the price for best beet roots this season has been one of the foremost exponents of fixed at the equivalent of \$14.48 a long the belief that a banker should be just ton and in Germany at \$14.56, or about

ber Seeks Wider Regula- Concentration of tion of Metals

ing of all metals was urged by Pope ten" thus discusses the fuel situation Yeatman, of the War Industries Board, in Germany as it relates to the baking Yeatman, of the war industries Com-to-day before the Senate Mines Com-industry: "The difficulties in connection with

THE STEEL STOCKS

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Day bef 163,600 1,001,100 1,244,700 Week ago 8,600 142,800 151,460 Year ago. 51,200 165,200 216,400

January 1 to date: confidence would be shaken. It was contended that it would make the pub-sugar Refining Company indicate that 1916... 8,063,900 60,651,300 68,715.200 1916... 8,250,500 56,243,700 64,494,200

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more friendly relations between the public and corporations. As every business man knows, corporations and particularly banks are handicapped by the old time prejudice against concerns that handle big money or deal in big business. It is to dissipate this prejudice as much as we can that banks above all should continuously strive.

Appreciate Value of Good Will

"It has been hard work to awaken bankers and convince them of the public, but I think that those engaged in this line of business endeavor nowndays are thoroughly awake to the value of human warmth and friendliness in dealing with the public. In the past there has been too much standing aloof and eyeing people at a distance, willing always for the outsider or the customer to advance. This is all wrong. The banker is the one that should make the advance and make himself an inducing factor to better business read customers profit, but the feeling spreads and the business world generally is benefitted.

Price Fixing Urged

Indian Cotton Spinning

Industry Less Active there at the first of each month at dranes will be placed at the disposition of the public on May 31. The purchase price will be 99.70, 498.50 and 997 franes, respectively. The plan, it is stated, affords an opportunity for prit vate citizens unable to invest their capital for long periods to find remunerative and sure investments, the state becoming their banker. It is planned to place the bonds on sale in every postoffice in France.

Price Fixing Urged

By Pope Yeatman

War Industries Board Member Seeks Wider Regula-

German Baking Industry WASHINGTON, May 11. Price fix- The "Münchner Neueste Nachrich-

mittee, at its hearing on the government ore control bill. Special problems presented by each of the forty metals in the bill should determine whether the price fixing should be maximum or minimum, he said.

Copper, lead, zinc and nickel are not named in the bill, he said, because "strong interests would oppose the measure."

"The difficulties in connection with the German coal supply have not been removed by the considerable restrictions already placed upon coal consumption. As the bakeries play an important part in coal consumption, the authorities think necessary a further concentration of the industry. The communal unions are left, as before, to take the measures requisite for this Corporate Returns

Based on reports from provinces containing 99 per cent of the total area under sugar cane in British India area unde communal unions are left, as before, to take the measures requisite for this purpose, with the cooperation of the War Department offices. The proportion between large manufacturing bakeries and hand bakeries is to be left substantially unaltered, and the concentration is to be carried out in agreement with representatives of the large bakeries, the hand bakeries, and especially the competent bakers' anilds.

Money and Prices: Stock of money gold in the country \$3,042,708,319 \$3,088,904,808 \$8,712,862,000 39,139,225,000 Loans of all national banks..... Bills discounted and bought by Fed-\$1,225,077,000 1,569,618,000 \$136,639,000 Total gold reserve..... 1,883,135,000 *999,610,000 Average price of fifty stocks..... A year ago, 83.00 Average price of twenty-five bonds..., Food cost of living (Annalist index 85.81 294.419 275.954 March 1. 227.977 index number) Production: Unfilled U. S. Steel orders, tons..... 8,741,882 March 31. 9,056,404 12,183,083 Pig fron (daily average), tons A 111.165 The 1916 crop 636,318,000 2,566,927,000 Wheat crop, bushels..... 3,159,494,000 1,251,837,000 11,449,930 10,949,000 Distribution: Gross railroad earnings.... Bank clearings General: Active cotton spindles...... 33,789,656 33,270,346 Commercial failures (Dun's): 1,069 \$12,587,213 March 1,142 \$17,672,331 Building permits (Bradstreet's): (139 cities) \$45,520,004

*Gold held by Reserve agents against circulation included in fund beginning June 23, 1917. For purposes of comparison it is included in the 1917 figures.